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Whether it is nobler in a man to bark his shins, disfigure features in learning to mount the untamed steed, or to take arms against a score of cycling friends and, by refusing to adopt their favored sport, exile himself forever from their graces. Our answer would be to ride a Cleveland and wheel away from all the ills that flesh is heir to.

See the Special Cleveland at \$95. It surpasses anything ever shown at the price.

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I have just received an entirely new selection of the finest designs in Sterling Silver and CUT GLASS, and will continue to receive from time to time during the month the latest designs, suitable for Wedding Presents, of Gotham and Whiting Sterling Silver and Dorringer Cut Glass.

These goods will be sold at the lowest possible prices.

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Store closes at 7 p. m. except Saturdays and paydays.

## To Merchants!

JULY 1st our Sample Room, on the second floor of our building, will be opened to merchants who are ready to place their fall order for School Books and Supplies, Miscellaneous Books, Stationers' Sundries and Holiday Goods. Our fall stock will be complete in every respect. We will be glad to have you look over our sample line, whether you are ready to place your order or not. The prices will be lower than ever before offered the trade in this section and equal to those given by Eastern markets.

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High Grade Wheels \$75.00 and \$100. Easy payments.

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CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Will Mays Admits Killing G. D. Masengill, at Bluff City.

Bristol, Tenn., June 19.—Will Mays, a married man, aged 24, has confessed that he murdered G. D. Masengill, the wealthy farmer whose body was found near Bluff City two days ago. Mays implicates Marsh Cole, aged 22. He tells that the deed was committed to prevent Masengill from appearing against him and Cole in court.

The confession was made yesterday, but was withheld by the officers to prevent a lynching, which at the time seemed imminent. Mays and Cole are in jail.

See that you get coupons in Sweetheart Cigarette boxes and reduce cost of smoking. Practical prizes offered.

## WHAT ROANOKE IS DOING.

A Continual Steady Growth for the City.

WHAT THE LEADING BUSINESS MEN EXPECT IS EVIDENCED BY THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. THREE LARGE FIRMS INCREASING THEIR STORE ROOM—WHEN THE NEW OFFICE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED—OTHER NEW BUILDINGS OF INTEREST.

Roanoke has for several months past experienced a building boom that is not at all of a spasmodic character, but just the reverse. The growth of the city is of a healthy nature and is now steady and certain. Almost in all sections of the city new houses are springing up and are being occupied by their owners as soon as they can be prepared for occupancy.

The business section of the city is perhaps the centre of most activity in the building line. Salem avenue, Campbell avenue and Jefferson street can boast of new and substantial buildings, all of which have just been completed or are now in course of erection.

The costliest and perhaps the most important building to the city's interest which has been put up for years is the magnificent new office building on North Jefferson street extending for a whole square along this thoroughfare. The finishing touches will soon be put on this structure and the small army of railroad officials who are at present quartered in various buildings in the city will have a home to themselves.

The four top floors are now about completed and it is understood that a number of the officials, including Auditor Jos. W. Cox, with their clerical forces will move in July 1. The balance of the work will be pushed rapidly by Contractor Nesbitt, who hopes to turn over the building to the road within sixty days or thereabouts. The large boilers and heaters are now being placed in position.

If anything is needed to show that the business outlook in Roanoke is improving the bare facts that three of the largest dry goods firms of the city have decided that their present and former quarters are not sufficient to accommodate their increasing trade will prove the assertion.

In the first place, Rosebaum Bros. concluded to erect a building on Campbell avenue which would connect with their present store. This building is now almost completed and is one of the most complete in the city. The second floor will be used for office purposes and the third floor for a lodge room.

Next the enterprising firm of Watt, Rettew & Clay, who are located on Salem avenue, enlarged by removing the partition which separated them from the room formerly occupied by the Donaldson Furniture Company. This arrangement gives this firm the largest retail establishment in the city. This improvement has necessitated the employment of quite a number of new clerks.

Messrs. Heironimus & Brugh, the Commerce street dry goods dealers, who enjoy a large and fashionable class of trade, have just decided to erect a large two story brick building 50x87 feet on the northeast corner of Henry street and Campbell avenue. The contract has already been let and work actually began yesterday. It is understood that the contract provides that the building shall be ready for occupancy on October 1st.

The new King & Gooch building is a handsome structure put up as a cost of about \$10,000 and is located at the corner of Kirk avenue and Jefferson street S. W. The building is complete in every respect and is already occupied by the Southern Express Company.

The Marsteller building near the market square is nearing completion and the contractors, Messrs. Groves & Keller, will be ready to turn the keys over to Mr. Marsteller in ten days. This building has a marble front, and a splendid representation of a marble monument adorns the roof. This building will cost when completed about \$5,000.

Another important building which will be pushed rapidly is the Nelson & Myers hardware building on Campbell avenue near the Marsteller building. The foundation is now in place. The building will be occupied by Nelson & Myers who are at present located on Commerce street.

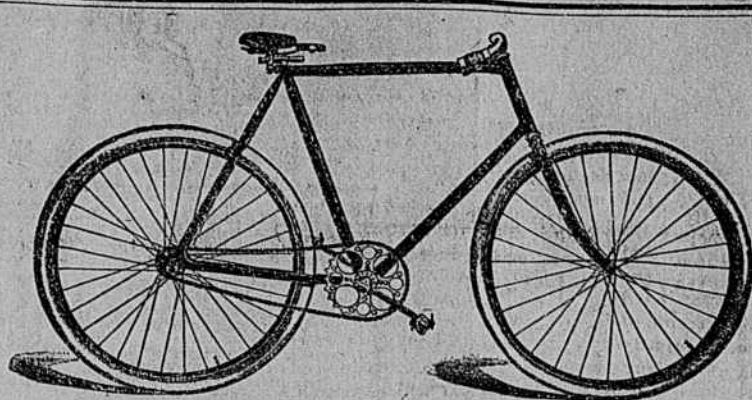
The building of T. E. Brown just east of the market is now completed and is already occupied by this firm.

A Times reporter yesterday drove over the city and was surprised to see so many new residence houses springing up. In the Northeastern section Con McNulty has just completed a handsome dwelling on the corner of Third avenue and Second street, which is already occupied. Commissioner of the Revenue Pattie has completed a handsome addition to his residence on the corner of Third and Kimball avenues. The parsonage of Grace M. E. Church, now occupied by Rev. C. D. Bulla, has been greatly improved by the addition of a handsome double porch. Other improvements have been made also.

On the southwest corner of Jefferson street and Third avenue the congregation of the East Roanoke Baptist Church are erecting a tabernacle for the purpose of worshipping temporarily until they can put up a more substantial building. The foundation is already down and the lumber is on the ground. A large force of workmen were busy yesterday getting things in shape.

On the north side of Salem avenue, just five doors east of Henry street, a Mr. Andrews, of New York, is having quite a substantial brick building erected. The foundation is already in place.

On the northeast corner of Salem avenue and Commerce street C. Markley is remodeling the old building and erecting a brick addition. The entire front will be of glass and the new room, which is



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Go Outside

There is Only One Opinion

The Spalding

A Gentleman

A Wheel,

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YOUR LIFE ON A WHEEL YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. DON'T RISK YOUR LIFE ON A WHEEL THAT HAS NO REPUTATION—JUST BECAUSE IT HAS A LITTLE RUN HERE IN ROANOKE.

OF ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXAMINED THE "SPALDING." THEY SAY IT IS THE BEST BUILT AND MOST GRACEFUL WHEEL THEY EVER SAW.

HAS A REPUTATION, AND IT IS GUARANTEED BY A FIRM WHOSE REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND PROMPTNESS IS ENVIED BY ALL MAKERS OF WHEELS.

FROM PHILADELPHIA CAME IN OUR PLACE YESTERDAY AND, AFTER EXAMINING THE "SPALDING," REMARKED THAT IT WAS "THE" WHEEL IN LARGE CITIES.

LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, IS WORTH JUST WHAT IT COST.

THE "SPALDING" BEFORE PURCHASING.

**THE FISHBURN CO., Agents.**

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large and commodious, will soon be occupied by Hunter & Co.

In the northwest section of the city the greatest activity so far as building is concerned abounds; among the new buildings in this section are several owned and occupied by colored people at 220 Fifth avenue N. W. J. Riley Dungee, the colored teacher, has just put up a pleasant home, while just across the street E. H. Williamson has a nice store room. Beverly Tweedy, colored, who was burned out during the winter, has erected a substantial building in its stead. Some building and loan association has also put up a new building on Fifth avenue. On Sixth avenue Jas. Hughes has about completed a comfortable seven-room dwelling.

In the extreme northwest Reese Evans is building a handsome residence fronting Eleventh street. J. E. Powers, a Norfolk and Western conductor, has completed a handsome residence on Fifth avenue. Beard & Pendleton, grocers, have a nice store room on the corner of Fourth avenue and Twelfth street. J. W. Kelsier, an engineer between Roanoke and Bluefield, and J. W. Rhodes, a carpenter in the Machine Works, have both completed substantial residences on Third avenue N. W.

A number of new buildings have just been completed in the Southeastern section of the city.

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One upright Kranich & Bach piano, 7 1/2 octaves, slightly used but in perfect order and tune and fully warranted, for \$250, on easy payments without interest. This piano was originally sold for \$350. Hobbie Piano Co., Salem avenue, near Commerce street.

They say the water will be very salty at Ocean View. Come and take a dip with us June 23.

**HAWLEY MEANS FIGHT.**  
Washington, June 19.—Senator Hawley will carry out his declaration demanding a \$2 rate on wrapper leaf tobacco and will apply to a Republican caucus to settle the question. He is backed by a large number of influential Senators and Representatives.

Don't Nag That Boy. LET HIM KICK.

**ZEBU SHOES**

WILL STAND IT, AND THE BOY WHO HAS THEM IS HAPPY. WITH A FULL GUARANTEE.

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**GOLD EXPORTS INCREASING.**

New York, June 19.—Contrary to all expectations, the exports of gold are increasing. Next week there will be an increase of seven millions over this week, according to contracts already executed. A further rise in exchange is anticipated.

We bought two car loads buggies, phaetons and surreys June 1. Had to order three times since. We are headquarters. Everybody comes to us. Send in your order now. Farmers Supply Company.

## Our Bargain Counter!

For the next month we are going to use the large counter in the center of our store as a "BARGAIN COUNTER."

On this counter you will find some great bargains in Box Papers, all tints; Fine Linen Papers from 10c to 30c per pound; small pictures from 10c to \$1 each; 25c and 50c Linen Tablets will be sold at 10c and 15c; Paper Books, good titles, at 5c, 10c and 15c; Cloth Back Books 20c and 25c, worth 40c and 50c. A few handsome Cups and Saucers to be sold less than cost. Several Ice Cream Sets at cost. Handsome Lamps at cost. Fine Toilet Soap, by the cake or box, at less than cost. There are many other little things too numerous to mention.

All of the above goods are of the very best quality, and the prices are a great deal lower than the same goods can be bought for in larger cities.

Any Picture in our store will be sold at cost.

**The Fishburn Co.,**

10 Campbell Avenue, West.

## SHERMAN'S MIND FAILING.

The Secretary of State Approaching a Break-Down.

MANY ILLUSTRATIONS OF HIS FAILING POWERS—HE STATES HIS POSITION IN REGARD TO THE ANNEXATION OF HAWAII—HE REGARDS IT AS AN EXCEPTION AND THINKS IT HIGHLY PROPER FOR THIS COUNTRY TO ANNEX THE ISLANDS.

Washington, June 19.—Secretary Sherman desires to remain in the Cabinet, and therefore put forth to-day a formal denial of the expressions against the Hawaiian annexation treaty attributed to him by his callers yesterday. It does not, however, change the opinion of those who know the facts, and at the most implies either increasing forgetfulness or increasing changeability. Sooner or later, however, Secretary Sherman will leave the State Department, and Judge Day will succeed him as Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State to-day explained his position thus: "It is absolutely untrue that I am opposed to the annexation of Hawaii. I don't see how such a report originated, much less how it came to be circulated. My opinion on the general question of the annexation of territory by the United States is well known from speeches I have made at different times against such a policy, but in the case of Hawaii, owing to the controversy between Japan and Hawaii, with the possibility of war between the two countries, I am convinced that it is highly proper to take steps for the annexation of Hawaii. You can say in the most positive terms that I am decidedly in favor of the annexation of Hawaii."

It is stated that the President has been seriously embarrassed ever since the 4th of March by hearing through various channels that Mr. Sherman's mind is a wreck, and yet, owing to their long personal intimacy and his extreme respect for the ability of Mr. Sherman as shown in his earlier years, he is unwilling to credit this. At any rate he does not see his way clear to relieve the old gentleman of his present responsibility.

It was owing to the discovery of Mr. Sherman's weakness that he chose Judge Day, in whom he has the utmost confidence, and who is certainly giving every one here the impression of being a calm, unflinching, judicious man, to be Assistant Secretary and practically Secretary; because Mr. Sherman's repeated absences and the necessity from time to time of his remaining on retirement for awhile would enable Judge Day to inspect the work which was going on, and, as Assistant Secretary authorize or refuse authority for a good deal of it. In spite of this precaution a diplomatic scandal of some sort is daily loomed up, owing to Mr. Sherman's saying one thing one day and its opposite the next.

As an example of the way Mr. Sherman shows his failing powers, it is a fact which can be attested by persons who come into daily contact with him that if he sits down to write a letter of any length, he forgets before he reaches the end of the letter what subject he started to discuss, and leaves it in a most chaotic condition, either to be put in order by some one else for him or to go in this shape and bear its mute testimony to the writer's condition of mind. Further, it is related by a visitor who called upon him a little while ago to discuss a matter connected with the war in the East and who asked some questions concerning Greece, which Mr. Sherman could not answer, that the Secretary said: "Why don't you go and ask the Greek minister?"

The visitor responded: "There is no Greek minister in Washington." "Oh, yes, there is," persisted Mr. Sherman. "Go and ask him about this question." And yet everybody here except our venerable Secretary of State knows that Greece, for reasons of economy, has not for years kept a minister in the United States, and has none here now.

Chairman Davis, of the foreign relations committee, formally confirmed to-day the statement that the Hawaiian treaty would not be pressed until next session. Meanwhile he will present an elaborate report in favor of it, and Senator Gray will present the minority report against it.

The protest of the ex-Queen of Hawaii will avail her nothing, either with the administration or the Senate. She is held to have abandoned all her rights by her abdication and to be entitled to no consideration in connection with the annexation of her country.

Some Senators who would like a trip to Honolulu are talking of the desirability of sending a special committee to collect information about the Hawaiian Islands for use in the debates next winter, but it has not taken tangible shape.

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## HIS POLICY FOR CUBA.

President McKinley's Plan to be Submitted to Spain.

IT WILL BE SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR THE ISLAND—THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT CUBA CAN OCCUPY TOWARD SPAIN THE SAME RELATION WHICH CANADA HOLDS TO GREAT BRITAIN—SPAIN MAY AGREE TO THIS.

Washington, June 19.—When Minister Woodford departs for Madrid he will carry with him the official declaration of this government regarding its policy toward Cuba.

The scheme of the administration is definite, practical and safe. Above all things, President McKinley is determined that there shall be no belligerent demonstration on the part of the United States, believing that the Cuban problem can be solved through diplomatic means. He is so certain of this peaceful and satisfactory result that he has not even considered the possibility of any other alternative.

Nor is he treading upon unknown ground. He has received positive assurance from Spain that the friendly offices of this government along the lines he has formally suggested, will be accepted.

Briefly stated, the President believes that Cuba can occupy toward Spain the same relation which Canada holds toward Great Britain. He has been informed, with an emphasis that admits of no doubt, that Spain will not, under any circumstances, part with the island, and he has no desire to antagonize this position. He does intend, however, that the present cruel and disastrous war, with all its destruction of life and property—American life and property, be it understood—shall cease, and he is aware that Spain is also anxious to end the struggle. Spain, however, feels that her honor and dignity are of greater consequence than any question which affects American interests in the island, and the President, appreciating her position, will do nothing to unnecessarily and wantonly offend and irritate.

The offer of this administration, therefore, will be to bring about an independent self-government for the Cubans. Spain will be asked to withdraw her army from the island and allow the Cubans to manage their own affairs, with their own legislature and their own governor. In everything their autonomy will be complete. All this, however, is not to be a one-sided gift. Cuba will be asked to pay her proportion of the enormous war debt which has been created.

It may be suggested that Spain will make this burden a heavier one than Cuba can bear. Should this be attempted it will be the policy of the United States to lay its restraining hand, in a guarded and diplomatic manner, upon Spain. It will be an important part of Minister Woodford's duties to make a thorough examination of the financial situation in Spain and Cuba, with especial reference to the ability of the latter to raise money, by customs and taxes, and he will see that the proportion of the war debt assigned to Cuba is not excessive.

The Cuban junta in this country has vigorously asserted that nothing less than absolute independence will be accepted by them. Whether they will be so stubborn when they find that it is not the intention of this government to be drawn into an international quarrel on their account is very doubtful. They are hoping now that the United States will be their ally to the last degree. They will demand everything, but, in the belief of the administration, when they learn the extent to which this country will concern itself in the struggle, they will accept the self-government offered to them.

If they do not, the course of the President has already been determined upon. Nothing more will be done. Spain will not yield the island, but she will agree to allow the Cubans to manage their own affairs, regulate their own finances, and exercise an independence in fact as well as in name. To this end the friendly offices of the United States will be tendered, and, so far as Spain is concerned, they will be accepted.

If this programme is not acceptable to the Cubans they will have to solve their own problems for themselves and without the further assistance of the United States.

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecast for Virginia: Fair; stationary temperature; northerly winds.

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